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Faculty Joins the Majority

Returning upper-years saw it immediately on September 2nd; the Chancellor Day Hall basement had been stood on its head. After years of kvetching from successive generations of ingrate students-at-law, Dean Rod rolled up his sleeves, and changed the whole mess around.

Additional space was freed up by elevating the Law Journal to the 2nd floor of New Chancellor Day Hall. LSA moved to what was Handouts; Handouts moved to the room with the aluminum hatch at the bottom of the stairs. Voil : two smoking areas, one with tables, one a lounge.

Air quality in New Chancellor Day Hall (NCDH) has long been a problem (the building is sealed and has a single, central air system). The Dean appointed a committee of smokers and non-smokers to examine the situation at the end of last term.

This committee (which included Associate Dean Peter "Export A" Haanappel) met a number of times and undertook considerable research into appropriate solutions (short of bombing the building or installing open windows). It recommended that smoking be prohibited in all areas of the NCDH building, subject

to the simultaneous creation of suitable study and recreation areas for smokers. The Dean accepted this recommendation.

The new rules on smoking are thus as follows:

- NCDH including classes, hall, stairways and the Pit: "NO SMOKING" throughout.

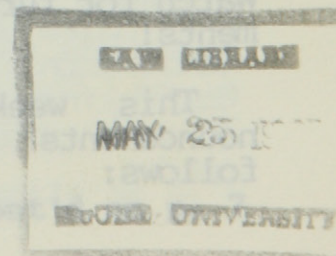
- Cafeteria: Food preparation and sales area: "NO SMOKING"; rear area (where the Coke machine is) "SMOKING".

- Designated "SMOKING" areas: New lounge next to

Quid office (ex LSA office) and new mini-Pit (ex Law Journal office). Extractor fans are to be installed in these two rooms.

Signs to this effect will be put up shortly.

The result: a modicum of planning, at last; spaces that for all their limitations will probably meet most student needs, nicely, and a workable and up-to-date approach to the problem of air quality in the Faculty. Congratulations to Dean Macdonald and the Ad hoc committee: Henri Bybelezer, Andy Orkin, Suzan Roy-Gasperec, Harriet Simand and Associate Dean Haanappel.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

LSA UPDATE

Bienvenue à tous!

As you have noticed, many changes have taken place. New Chancellor Day Hall is a non-smoking area - however, smoking is permitted in Old Chancellor Day Hall. In addition, the student lounge areas have been re-arranged.

The LSA office, found in Room 2, will also be available to you. Should you wish to use the office as a meeting room at any time during the year, feel free to speak to me and proper arrangements can be made.

Un calendrier des événements sociaux sera affiché au rez-de-chaussée du New Chancellor Day Hall. Si vous êtes responsable d'une activité dont vous voulez faire la publicité, rendez-vous au bureau des services aux étudiants (SAO) et remplissez une demande à cet effet. Le calendrier sera mis à jour régulièrement et nous pensons qu'il favorisera grandement la participation des étudiants aux activités sociales et para-scolaires.

En passant, j'aimerais féliciter le comité d'orientation pour leur travail qui a donné à la rentrée une allure de fête!

The LSA will continue to provide you with information about ongoing activities through the Quid. Watch for further announcements!

This week's LSA announcements are as follows:

ATTENTION INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

If you're an overseas student, a McGill student handbook and guide is available just for you. For more information see Maria Battaglia.

LSA Funding

Forms for LSA Funding for group or club activities are available at SAO and should be submitted no later than Monday, September 29.

Open House Volunteers

McGill University is holding its annual Open House Friday and Saturday, September 26 and 27. Anyone interested in helping out should sign up at SAO or the LSA lounge immediately.

New Committees

If your group wishes to receive club status from the LSA please hand in your application at SAO as soon as possible.

Please add the following information: Name of committee; activities planned; expected budget and any other comments necessary.
DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 29

Maria Battaglia
LSA President

Streaming for Immigration Law

The streaming rules have now been changed to allow second year students to enrol in the course Immigration Law for the 1986-87 Winter term.

Closed Courses

All students who are interested in registering in a closed course must sign up at the student affairs office. This also applies to students who were originally bumped from courses during the Early Course Selection process.

If space permits, first preference will be given to ECS bumpees on a random basis, then to other interested students on the same basis.

There will be a two-week waiting period (end of course change) to find out final decisions. It is the responsibility of the student to verify decisions at the Student Affairs Office.

Women's Intramurals

I know, I know. If you read one more thing hounding you about joining Women's Intramurals you're gonna' *!#@* join? I hope.

Last year the same dozen women were seen playing every sport. It was the 'ole "if you join soccer so I can field a team...I'll play broomball so you can complete yours" routine. Imagine, bribery within our own hallowed halls. It may've been criminal, but it was worth it. Apart from winning the McGill Participation Award, I hear two of the twelve are entering the Hawaiian Iron Women Race.

We are encouraging, urging, pleading you to

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At Long Last Pit ! Famous and Infamous Latin Maxims

pit/'pit/n l a (1): a hole, shaft or cavity in the ground (2): an area often sunken or depressed below the adjacent floor area as (i): an enclosure in which animals are made to fight each other (ii): HELL (iii): a hollow or indentation especially in the surface of an organism: as one of the indented scars left in the skin by a pustular disease (iv): an abysmal repository for law students.

Dean Macdonald is pleased to report that the Second Stage of the project to renovate student premises in 3644 Peel has now been completed and that Stage III should be commencing shortly.

As you remember, the Stage I ws the upgrading of the premises of the Law Satellite Bookstore and its move to 3647 Peel.

Stage II has been the affectation of Room 204 to the McGill Law Journal and the upgrading of the LSA offices to the two offices next to the stairwell.

The Third Stage of the renovation is the removal of the lockers from the corridors and the repainting and sprucing up of the entire basement area of Old Chancellor Day Hall. As a consequence of some good luck, it was possible to move the lockers prior to the beginning of this academic year (in fact, on August 29). However, it has not been possible to organize the painting of the basement until now. The Dean expects to have this project completed by the end of October and would beg your indulgence in the interim.

Stage IV of the renovation will consist of a refurbishing of the Common Room in Old Chancellor Day Hall and an upgrading of the furniture and facilities in the three study areas in the basement: namely, the East Pit, the former Law Journal Office and the former LSA office. It is hoped to commence this fourth stage once the repainting job has been completed.

His deanness expects to canvass students and faculty shortly for other suggestions for improving the physical plant of the Faculty.

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This is the law

So much for the hallowed traditions of the Anglican legal culture. It seems that some of Her Majesty's lawyerly ranks are hot under the hair. A subversive fringe element in England, styling themselves L.A.W. (Lawyers Against Wigs), is demanding that the practice of wearing those ridiculous head mops before the tittering galleries be abolished. Never mind that they afford a certain measure of anonymity against disgruntled convicts. This group believes that the wigs, quite simply, look "stupid".

Compiled by Josephus Starninius

1) Qui peccat inebrius, luat videre sobrius.

"Let him who sins when drunk, deserve what he wakes up to in the morning."

2) (FOR THE ARTSIES:)
Id possumus quad de jure possumus.

"Little furry animals have rights too, you know!"

3) Caveat emptor.

"Never take the waiter's recommendation after 10:00 p.m."

4) Impotentia excusat legem examinum.

"Impotence is a legal basis for divorce, except in December and late April."

5) Volenti non fit injuria.

"You pays your money, you takes your chances."

6) (FOR STUDENTS OF S.A. SCOTT)

Scottius superflua non nocent.

"When Stephen A. Scott talks, even he doesn't listen!"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Fellow Students,

If you have eaten at all in the last year, and enjoyed it, chances are you were not eating food from the law cafeteria.

In fact, to return after a blissful summer away from legal fare of any kind and face limp salami and shredded veggies wallowing in chilly stainless steel bins is nothing less than vulture shock (This term is appropriate considering the resemblance of cafeteria food to carrion: both are cold, lifeless and unappetizing).

Only the most generous definition of food would include the overpriced dull sandwiches, the salty soup and the machine-spewed

micro-wave dogfood that is offered to us for our delictation.

I think that it is about time, as proto-lawyers, that we shed our complacency. The cafeteria is a service. A service is something offered to consumers at a price. As consumers, we have a right (if not a gastro-intestinal duty) to demand satisfactory goods for our money. I would therefore like to propose that our LSA reps (think of them as the stomach of the student body), be requested to take immediate action to improve an unpalatable state of affairs.

Bon appétit,

Teresa Scassa

Quid Submissions

All submissions to Quid Novi must be under the office door by Wednesday noon if they are to appear in the following week's edition. Quid Novi staff meets on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. Check Student Services Board for location. Everyone is welcome.

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pick a sport and sign your name under it. Sign-ups are tacked to the bulletin board in the Pit. Soccer and football have officially closed, but names can still be added, and are welcome, if you are interested. Watch the foyer chalkboard for practice times. Basketball, volleyball and hockey have yet to start, but their deadlines are not until October 5.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask me.

Holly Nickel
Women's Intramural Rep.

P.S. First years, this includes you too!

DEAN WELCOMES 1st YEARS

The following is the text of the message that Dean Macdonald delivered before the entering first year class. Same ol' story. If you didn't listen this year, or in your own first year, imagine the dramatic flourish. The Quid presents you with another opportunity.

"Fellow students of the law, on behalf of my colleagues and the administrative staff, let me welcome you to the Faculty of Law of McGill University.

Futurs avocats et avocates, permettez-moi, au nom de tous mes collègues et de tout le personnel de l'administration, de vous accueillir à la Faculté de droit de l'Université McGill.

Our Faculty, now also your Faculty, was Canada's first. For over 135 years it has served the Canadian legal community. It counts among its graduates many of the leading figures in Canadian public life. Notable among these are:

Wilfrid Laurier:
(B.C.L.1864), prime minister of Canada for 15 years;

Pierre-Basile Mignault:
(B.C.L.1873), justice of the Supreme Court and author of the leading treatise Droit civil canadien;

Annie Macdonald Langstaff:
(B.C.L.1913), first woman to graduate in law in Quebec;

Harry Batshaw;
(B.C.L.)1924), first Jew to be appointed to the Superior Court bench in Canada;

Frank R. Scott:
(B.C.L.1927), professor and Dean at McGill and a leading constitutional law scholar;

Jean de Grandpré:
(B.C.L.1943), president of Bell Canada Enterprises and chancellor of McGill;

Gerald E. Ledain:
(B.C.L.1949), currently a justice of the Superior Court of Canada and former McGill law professor.

Ces éminents juristes ne sont que quelques uns de nos distingués diplômés: on trouve également deux premiers ministres canadiens, six juges à la Cour suprême du Canada, plusieurs premiers ministres provinciaux, nombreux juges aux cours supérieures, ministres de la Couronne, diplomates, hommes d'affaires, professeurs, notaires et avocats.

I am confident that in the year 2086, when the Dean welcomes the incoming class, several of you present in this room today will figure on his list of prominent graduates of McGill's Faculty of Law. But McGill is not simply an institution which takes pride in her well-known alumni and alumnae, we believe that each of our graduates is an important member of the legal community.

Today you, the National Programme Class of 1990, contribute through your diverse backgrounds and interests to the unique character of this Faculty. Later, when you walk across the stage at Convocation, you will join the some 3,000 other graduates of

the Faculty who have, in a variety of ways, made significant contributions to the law, and to the public it serves.

Let me emphasize, as you embark today upon a legal career, that each one of you will be, in our eyes, an illustrious graduate of our Faculty.

But what does it mean to be a student of the law? What is this endeavour which you have undertaken, and which we, as a faculty, share with you? In brief, what is a legal education at McGill all about?

I take it that you would all agree that the study of law is both an academic discipline and a professional training. In pursuit of this latter objective the Faculty offers two degree streams (the B.C.L. and the LL.B) within our National Programme. Thus graduates of McGill are equipped to exercise their profession in every Canadian jurisdiction. What is more, our curriculum is designed to respond to the needs of those intending to pursue careers in the public and private business sectors, for which legal training is an asset rather than a formal prerequisite.

But it is the opportunity presented by the meeting of the two great Western legal traditions, the civil law and the common law, which gives the study of law at McGill its special character. The comparative study of institutions, principles and rules in each tradition is a central feature of our

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academic endeavours, and our longstanding tradition of teaching in both the English and French languages complements this aspect of McGill's programme.

Des linguistes nous disent qu'on ne comprend vraiment pas sa langue maternelle avant d'en maîtriser une autre. Cela est encore plus vrai des études juridiques. Tout comme l'étude des langues, l'étude du droit se révèle complexe; plus tôt elle commence, plus grandes sont les chances de réussite. C'est pour cela que nous avons structuré nos programmes de manière à ce que chaque étudiant ait l'occasion de suivre plusieurs cours de droit privé en droit civil

et en common law avant la fin de sa deuxième année de droit.

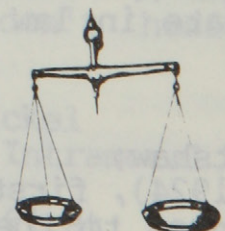
We take pride in our academic and professional traditions and in the contributions of our graduates to the bar, the bench and the scholarly community. Latterly, we have been especially pleased that the value of McGill's National Programme, and our approach to the study of law is appreciated across Canada and in major centres of the United States. Our graduates may be found in large metropolitan law firms, in the Supreme Court of Canada where at least one McGill graduate has served as a law clerk in each of the

past five years, in smaller law firms in regional centres, and in government departments.

But most importantly, McGill graduates have demonstrated a public service vocation. Be this in their profession, in government or in public interest groups our alumni have made outstanding contribution. It is, in effect, the combination of academic excellence and public service which defines a McGill graduate.

Votre formation juridique ne cesse pas le jour où vous quittez la Faculté. Vous allez continuellement vous former. Nous ne prétendons pas, en quatre ans, vous enseigner tout ce qu'il faut savoir. Nous ne pouvons que vous offrir les éléments essentiels pour un processus d'auto-formation future, et vous donner le goût de poursuivre ce processus. Dès aujourd'hui, vous deviendrez un étudiant du droit à vie, même si vous exercez la profession, devenez un fonctionnaire, ou (comme plusieurs de nos diplômés) entrez dans le monde d'affaires.

However you choose to employ your legal education, you will find your legal career, commencing tomorrow, frequently difficult, at times frustrating, occasionally disappointing, but always challenging. At its outset, let me, on behalf of all my colleagues, wish you the very best.



L.S.R. GEARS UP

Lawyers for Social Responsibility is gearing up for another year of stimulating activities. For new students, L.S.R. is a national, politically non-affiliated group whose purpose is to promote peace using the special skills of the legal profession. The group is open to law students, lawyers, paralegals, legal secretaries and law librarians. To date, the national organization includes more than 1,500 members. A conference on the illegality of nuclear weapons is in the planning stages and it promises to be a very worthwhile event, with prominent international lawyers as invited speakers.

In the immediate future, we will be offering these activities to members and non-members alike:

1. Sept. 17, 12:00-2:00pm.
Rm. 201; Movie "Dr. Strangelove or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb"

2. Sept. 23, 4:00-7:00pm.
Common Room; Wine and Cheese.

3. Sept. 27, 28: Weekend Seminar; Theme: "Nuclear Power in Canada and its Many Connections". Films, discussions, invited speaker - Gordon Edwards on "Nuclear Waste Disposal". Location: Gault Estate, Mont St-Hilaire.

For more information, please see the yellow poster board in the Pit.

Lorianne Weston

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7) (FROM THE MIND OF S.A. SCOTT)

Deo non potest peccare.

"Quote: 'I can do no wrong.'"

8) (LAST S.A. SCOTT MAXIM)

Quando ille reductio fio erum, vitupero constitutionalibus Stephanus A. Scottius.

"When the going gets rough, the rough blame it on Scotty's constitutional class."

9) Nuptias non concubitus; sed consensus facit.

"Married beware; it it's not in the marriage contract, she doesn't have to!"

10) Nemo bibo et currum; tu effundo tuus potio.

"Don't drink and drive; you'll spill your drink."

11) Frustratio sequor ille qui sequor femina alumnus di legis.

"Frustration inevitably follows he who follows female law students."

12) Dolus circuitu non puratur.

"It's only lying if you get caught!"

13) Si duo in testamento pugnatio reperientur, ultimum est ratum.

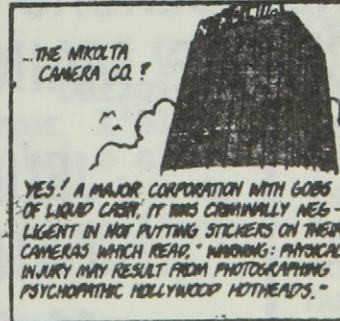
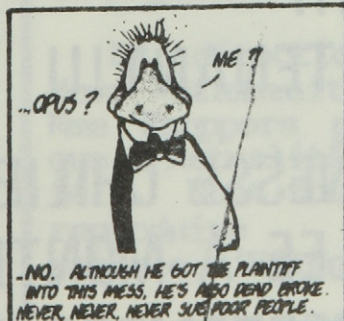
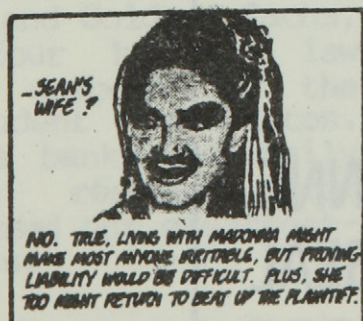
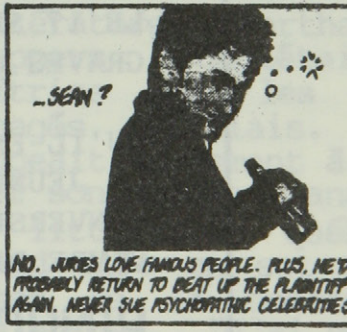
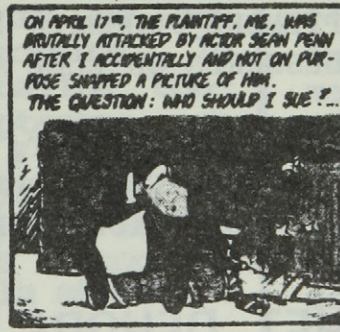
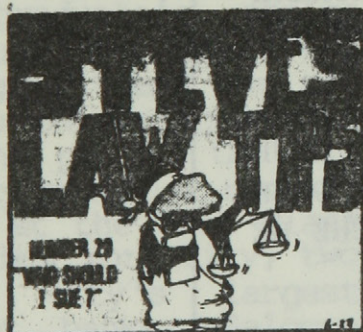
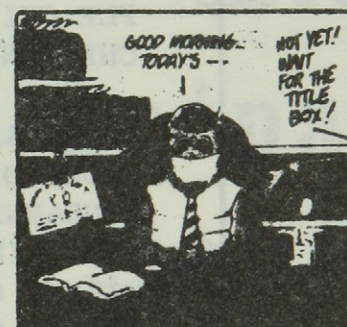
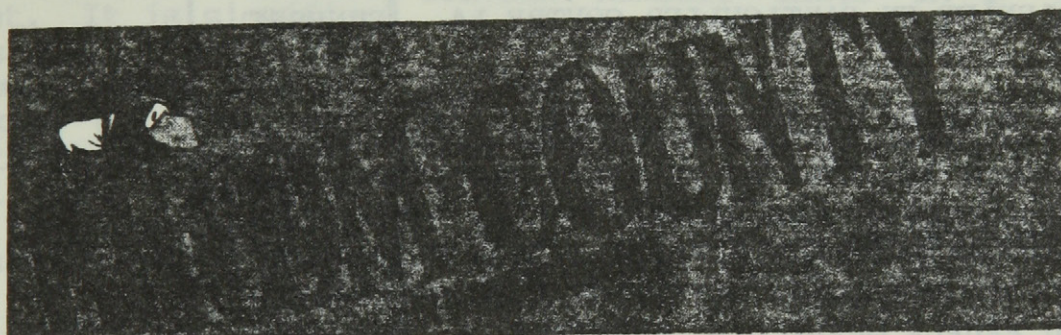
"Testator beware of he who knows he is the sole beneficiary in your will."

14) Lex-posterior-derogat-priori...

"Leg-bone's-connected-to-the-thigh-bone..."

15) Copulatio verborum indicat acceptionem in eodem sensu di perfectio ille Papa.

"Oral sex has now been accepted by the Pope as a sensible alternative to consummation of marital vows."



Texte distribué lors d'une
manifestation qui a eu lieu
à Montréal, le 11 septembre
1986:

LA JEUNESSE CHILIENNE EXILEE A MONTREAL PROCLAME :

- QUE LE 11 SEPTEMBRE 1973, AU CHILI, UNE DICTATURE MILITAIRE S'EST INSTAUREE AU POUVOIR; ASSASSINANT LE PRESIDENT ELU DEMOCRATIQUEMENT PAR LE PEUPLE, LE CAMARADE SALVADOR ALLENDE; TUANT 30.000 PATRIOTES; FAISANT DISPARAITRE 2.500 PERSONNES; EMPRISONNANT ET TORTURANT DES MILIERS DES PARTISANS DU GOUVERNEMENT DE L'UNITE POPULAIRE; ENVOYEANT A L'EXIL 1 MILLION DES CHILIENS.
- QUE LE PRINCIPAL COUPABLE DE CETTE TRAGEDIE EST CELUI QUI A TRAH LA PATRIE : P I N O C H E T , ET QU'IL DOIT REPENDRE POUR TOUS LES CRIMES PERPRETES PAR LES FORCES REPRESSIVES CONTRE LE PEUPLE CHILIEN ET EN PARTICULIER CONTRE LA JEUNESSE CHILIENNE.
- QU'IL AIT JUSTICE POUR CONDAMNER LES ASSASSINS DE RODRIGO ROJAS DE NEGRI ET DE MARIO MARTINEZ, POUR CONDAMNER EGALEMENT LES MEMBRES DE LA PATROUILLE MILITAIRE QUI ONT BRULE VIVE LA JEUNE ETUDIANTE, CARMEN GLORIA QUINTANA; QUI GRACE A LA SOLIDARITE ACTIVE DU PEUPLE QUEBECOIS, ARRIVERA A MONTREAL LE 17 SEPTEMBRE PROCHAIN POUR SE FAIRE SOIGNER DES GRAVES BLESSURES QU'ELLE A SUBIES.
- QU'IL EXISTE, FINALEMENT, UN AVENIR ASSURE POUR LA JEUNESSE CHILIENNE, QUI AUJOURD'HUI LUTTE POUR RENVERSER LA DICTATURE MILITAIRE QUI L'EMPECHE DE VIVRE DIGNEMENT.

PINOCHET DEHORS !!!
DEMOCRATIE MAINTENANT!!!

**JEUNESSE CHILIENNE
EXILEE A MONTREAL
11 SEPTEMBRE 1986**